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The Review Conference,

1. Reaffirms that, under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the States parties enjoy the inalienable right to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with its articles I, II and III, and supports the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in assisting States parties, in particular developing countries, in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

2. Emphasizes that international technical cooperation in the area of the peaceful uses of nuclear technology is one of the two main objectives enshrined in the IAEA statute, and that it plays a key role in achieving the goal of the Treaty;

3. Emphasizes the importance of the technical cooperation activities of IAEA, and stresses the importance of nuclear knowledge sharing and the transfer of nuclear technology to developing countries for the maintenance and further enhancement of their scientific and technological capabilities, thereby also contributing to their socio-economic development in areas such as human health, including the application of nuclear technology in cancer therapy, water resources, industry, food, nutrition and agriculture;

4. Underlines that technical cooperation activities of IAEA contribute, in an important way, to meeting energy needs, improving health, combating poverty, protecting the environment, developing agriculture, managing the use of water resources and optimizing industrial processes, thus helping to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and that these activities, in addition to bilateral and other multilateral cooperation, contribute to achieving the objectives set forth in article IV of the Treaty;

5. Notes the continuous efforts by IAEA and its member States to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's technical cooperation programmes

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in partnership and in the light of changing circumstances and the needs of concerned States;

6. Stresses that the Agency's resources for technical cooperation activities should be sufficient, assured and predictable, to meet the objectives mandated in article II of the IAEA statute, notes with appreciation the 94.7 per cent rate of attainment at the end of 2008, and looks forward to reaching the rate of 100 per cent, which is central to reconfirming the commitment of IAEA member States to the Agency's technical cooperation programme, and thus recalls that the financing of technical cooperation activities should be in line with the concept of shared responsibility and that all members share a common responsibility towards financing and enhancing these activities;

7. Underlines the essential role of IAEA in assisting developing States parties in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in a manner that ensures nuclear non-proliferation, safety and security.